

# The Hongkong Chronicle

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1889.

SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

### RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK will be conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on their premises in Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-DAYS, 10 to 3; SATURDAYS, 10 to 1. 2.—SUMS LESS THAN \$1, OR MORE THAN \$250 at one time will not be received. No Deposit may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year. 3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK, having \$100 or more, at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest. 4.—INTEREST at the rate of 3½% per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances. 5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July. 6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business of the Bank, if marked ON HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China. 7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his PASS-BOOK, are necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January 1889. [9]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$7,500,000.  
RESERVE FUND ..... 4,300,000.  
PROPRIETORS' LIABILITY OF ..... 7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.—  
CHAIRMAN—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.  
W. G. BRODIE, Esq. S.C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.  
T. E. DAVIES, Esq. J. S. MOSES, Esq.  
J. F. HOLLOWAY, Esq. L. POSECKER, Esq.  
Hon. J. J. KESWICK, N. A. SIRS, Esq.  
Hon. B. LAYTON, E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER—  
HONGKONG—G. E. NOBLE, Esq.  
MANAGER—  
SHANGHAI—JOHN WALTER, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.  
LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of BANKING and EXCHANGE business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1889. [8]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... £3,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... £580,000.

LONDON: Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, PERSIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE, ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS FOR COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:  
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

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ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

AGENCY DEPARTMENT:  
For the convenience of those returning to Europe an Agency Department has been added to the ordinary business of the Bank for the transaction of Personal Agency of every description, Pay and Pension collected.

Baggage cleared, warehoused or forwarded.

Insurances effected.

Circular Notes and Letters of Credit issued.

AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager,  
HONGKONG BRANCH.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

FAKI CUP.

SEVEN Shots at 200 Yards; position, Standing. Seven Shots at 300 yards; position, sitting or kneeling.

To be won 3 times before becoming any member's absolute property.

Winners to be penalized 5 points after winning it once and 7 points after winning it twice.

The postponed competition will take place TOMORROW, the 3rd day of August next, at 4.15 P.M. Intending Competitors must send me 50 cents entrance fee not later than 4.15 P.M., next FRIDAY, 2nd August.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1889. [59]

## Intimations.

### W. POWELL & CO.

ARE NOW OPENING

AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK OF  
AUSTRIAN BENT WOOD CHAIRS, DINING ROOM CHAIRS, ARM CHAIRS,  
BOUDOIR CHAIRS, CHILDREN'S CHAIRS, INFANT'S CHAIRS, WALKING  
STICK, CHAIRS, &c., &c.

### W. POWELL & CO.

Victoria Exchange, Hongkong, 27th July, 1889. [6]

### W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED.

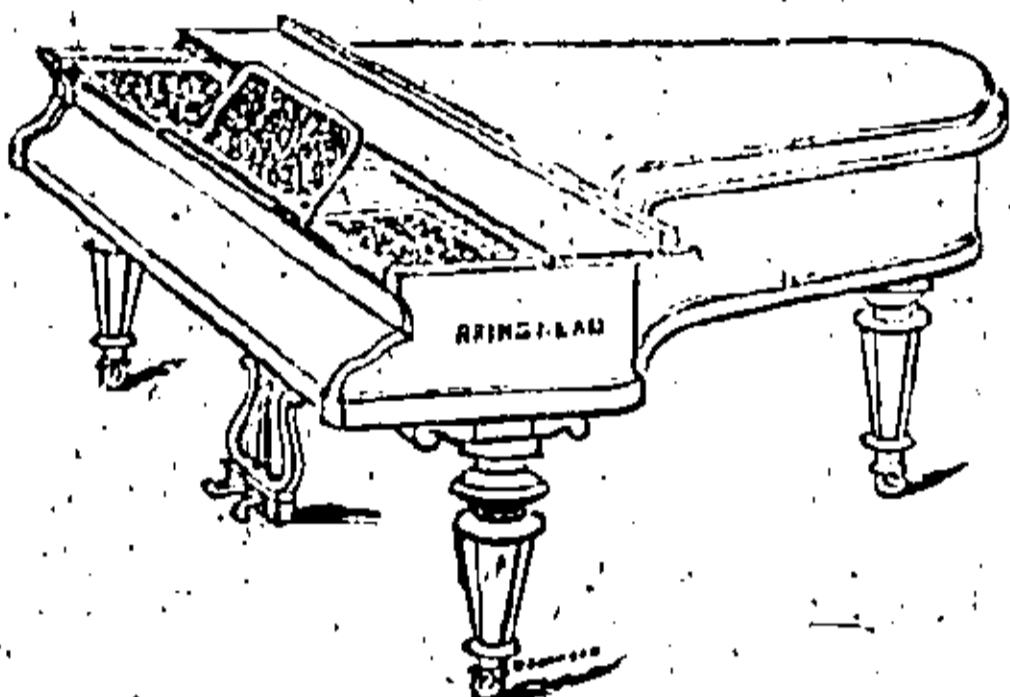
S PLendid assortment Card Cases, Ladies' Hand-Bags, Pocket Books, &c. New Fancy Writing Papers. New and large assortment Toys for all ages. Tennis Bats, Demon, Champion, Tennis, &c. Colored India Rubber Balls. Glass; Port Sherry and Liqueur Glasses, \$1.50 per dozen. Handsome Eperges, Flower Vases, &c. Glass Insulators for Pianos. New Photographs of Hongkong, Macao & Canton. Splendid Japanese Photo Albums.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1889. [105]

### JUST RECEIVED.

A LARGE SHIPMENT OF

### BRINSMEAD'S PIANOS.



PRICES, FROM \$300 CASH OR ON THE TWO YEARS SYSTEM FROM \$14 PER MONTH OR OTHER EASY METHODS OF PAYMENT.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1889. [17]

### THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OP. CO., LTD.

#### COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS

RESPECTFULLY INVITE INSPECTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

DRAWING ROOM FURNITURE.  
DINING ROOM FURNITURE.  
LIBRARY FURNITURE.  
BED-ROOM FURNITURE.  
HALL FURNITURE.  
OFFICE FURNITURE.

ESTIMATES Submitted for Interior and Exterior Painting and Special Decorations in any Style, Free.

The H. & C. Co., Ltd., have Furnished and Decorated all the principal Banks, Hotels, Clubs, Mansions, and Offices in the East, including Shanghai, Hongkong, Peking, Tientsin, Chefoo, Corca, and every part of Japan.

Their Style and Workmanship is too well-known for special mention.

### The HALL & HOLTZ CO-OP. LTD.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1889. [26]

### A. HAHN, PIANO TUNER AND REPAIRER. PIANOS FOR SALE

Address: c/o HONGKONG HOTEL or No. 25, CAINE ROAD.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. [37]

### ROBERT LANG & CO., TAILORS, HATTERS, SHIRTMAKERS, AND GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS.

PREPARATORY TO RECEIVING OUR  
NEW AUTUMN GOODS,

WE ARE OFFERING A SELECTION OF  
LIGHT WEIGHT COATING, in all shades: SUMMER SUITING and TROUSERING,  
at very much reduced prices.

SUIT from \$15. COAT from \$10. PANTS from \$5.

QUEEN'S ROAD (Opposite HONGKONG HOTEL).

Hongkong, 10th July, 1889. [88]

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

EX "GLENROY."

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S and John Moir's Preserved Provisions, Jellies, Tart Fruits, Potted Meats, Blaeter Paste, Caviale, Horseradish, Salad Oil, Salad Dressing, Strawberries in Syrup, Dessert Fruits in Syrup, Brandy and Noyau Tongues, Anchovies in Oil, Sardines, French and English Patties, Sauces, Vegetables, Haddock, Lettuce, Brawn, Sausages, Aberdeen Pie, Aberdeen Sausage, &c., &c.

French & English Jams, Gelatine, Oatmeal, Brand's Essence of Beef, Liebeg's Extract of Meat, English Steak, Bacon, Best York Ham, English White Cheddar and Gloucester Cheese, Huntley & Palmer's and Peck Frean & Co.'s Biscuits, Peck Frean & Co.'s Plum Cakes, 1 and 2 lb.

Also:

Black Gum, Tinted Bats, Prickly Heat Soap, Filters, Flower Glasses, Coffee Machines, English Cooking Stoves.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1889. [88]

## Intimations

### BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 5th August.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, and CHINA.

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA, and CHINA.

T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager.

For the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS,  
CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Agent, Hongkong.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION;  
LIMITED,

H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1889. [961]

### REMOVAL.

MRS. BOHM'S PRIVATE BOARDING  
RESIDENCE has been REMOVED to  
No. 8, Queen's Road Central, opposite  
TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1889. [352]

## Consignees.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "ALBANY,"  
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, PENANG  
AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary, be given before 4 P.M., TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 7th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 7th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1889. [942]

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "WESTMEATH,"  
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 7th instant, or they will not be recognised.

Consignees will be required to sign an average bond and pay a deposit before obtaining delivery of their cargo.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1889. [969]

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ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1889. [969]

### Shipping.

#### STEAMERS.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, SINGAPORE AND  
HONGKOK.

THE Company's Steamship  
"PHRA CHOM KLAO."

Captain W. H. Watt, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the

## Intimations.

**DAKIN'S  
SPARKLING AERATED  
WATERS**  
ARE UNSURPASSED.

## SPECIAL TERMS TO LARGE BUYERS.

COAST ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

No Extra Charge for Packing.

**DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA  
L I M I T E D ,  
C H E M I S T S ,  
H O N G K O N G .**

(Telephone No. 60.)

Hongkong 23rd July, 1899.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.**

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

In drawing attention to our special preparations, we beg to state that we continue to import Drugs, Chemicals and Goods of every kind of the best description only. No other quality is kept in Stock. Our long experience and intimate acquaintance with the Trade and the best sources of supply enable us to purchase direct from the Producers on the very best terms, and thus gives us an advantage which enables us to offer our Customers the benefit of a considerable reduction in the price of all Specialities of our own Manufacture or putting up, as compared with similar articles sold elsewhere.

**WATSON'S IODISED  
SARSAPARILLA**  
PREPARED FROM THE FINEST  
RED JAMAICA SARSAPARILLA,  
(Evaporated "In Vacuo,")  
and containing in each drachm one grain of  
Iodide of Potassium.

These medicines combined have long ranked as the most certain alteratives known, being indicated in all diseases of the skin, and in affections arising from poverty or impurity of the Blood.  
Price—8 oz. Bottles 1.50 each, 15.00 per dozen  
" 16 oz. " 2.50 " 24.00 "

WATSON'S

FLUID EXTRACT

OF

**TARAXACUM AND PODOPHYLLUM.**  
This preparation will be found a satisfactory and reliable remedy in all cases of sick-headache and biliousness when the bowels and liver are sluggish from climatic or other causes.

In Bottles \$1 and \$1.50 each.

**WATSON'S  
TASTELESS ELIXIR  
OF  
CASCARA SAGRADA,**  
acts as a "Tonic Laxative" and establishes regularity in Chronic Constipation.  
In Bottles \$1 and \$1.50 each.

**WATSON'S  
VIN DE QUINQUINA.**

This Wine possesses the tonic and anti-febrile properties of the well-known Cinchona Quinquina or Jesuit's Bark, combined with the strengthening qualities of the finest Port Wine. Prepared from the finest selected Bark and a blend of our well-known "Invalid Port," it is an invaluable summer tonic and appetizer, especially adapted for use of Convalescents from Malaria, Fevers, and other climatic diseases.  
In Bottles \$1.50 each.

WATSON'S

QUININE AND IRON

TONIC.

This Tonic is strongly recommended in all diseases characterized by Anæmia, Weakness, and for promoting and restoring a healthy appetite and imparting strength and vigour to the system.  
In Bottles \$1 and \$1.50 each.

WATSON'S

AROMATIC QUININE WINE.

An agreeable preparation of the Sulphate of Quinine in combination with Aromatics. Eminently useful as a Tonic in cases of Debility, resulting from Fever, enervating effects of climate, &c.

Price \$1 per Bottle.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,**  
Hongkong, China and Manila.

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DEATH.

On the 2nd instant at "Brockhurst," Mount Gough, ANNIE ROSE, the dearly beloved Wife of H. L. Dennis, aged 31. [675]

BIRTH.

On the 31st July, at Canton, the wife of GEORGE D. FEARON, of a daughter. [673]

**The Hongkong Telegraph**

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1899.

THE Hongkong Masonic Club, owing to internal dissensions for which there is no possible excuse, has recently got into a very bad way. After overcoming the initial difficulties inherent to all such institutions, the Club, which has no superior for comfort and convenience in this part of the world, was rapidly making its way and showing good financial results when an indiscreet and entirely uncalled-for remark on the part of one of the General Committee, who ought to have known better, caused about twenty members, regular frequenters of the Club, to resign. As these members were actually the best customers of the Club, their secession had the effect of turning a monthly credit balance into a considerable loss, and the question soon arose as to future contingencies. At a meeting of the Directors and General Committee to consider the situation, it was eventually decided to give the Club a further three months' trial, at an increased rate of subscription, and at the end of that time, if results are not

sufficiently prosperous to warrant a still further term, the place will be finally closed. The closing of the Masonic Club would be a matter for general regret, and would certainly reflect greatly on the brotherhood in this colony. But unless an entirely new régime is established, and that without delay, there would appear to be no substantial prospect of ultimate success. It is really singular to what an insignificant extent the advantages provided by this Club have been availed of by the Masonic fraternity, both resident and non-resident. Members have preferred to swell the Queen's Road level rather than enjoy the cool breezes in the Masonic Club, and simply because it was too much trouble to take a minute's quiet walk up Zetland Street. Persons who never in their lives had previously seen the inside of a club, and whose ideas of comfort and enjoyment suggested a fourth-rate dram-shop in Tai-ping-shan, could not—no, they could, they really couldn't, face that stiff hundred and fifty yards up the hill. And it is this class, and that other section of inveterate grumblers, who will above all miss the Masonic Club when its portals are closed. The efforts of gentlemen who devoted both time and money to provide pleasure to their fellow-men have been altogether ignored, and they, of course, will know right well how to appreciate the treatment they have received in their efforts to do good. There has been some talk of starting a non-masonic club on the ashes of the Masonic Club, when it becomes a thing of the past. Bosh! If the bonds of freemasonry can't keep together the class that has supported the Masonic Club, it is quite certain that the wholesale introduction of outsiders can only lead to social chaos. The Masonic Club ought to be a paying concern, and it would be that under proper management. Why don't the members take some active steps in supporting the Directors to prevent such a useful institution from going to wreck and ruin?

## TELEGRAMS.

**THE ROYAL (?) IMPOSITION.**  
LONDON, July 31st.

The Bill proposing the grants has been read a first time.

CRETE.

It is reported that the Foreign Minister has intimated that Crete should remain Turkish territory.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We believe we are correct in saying that the promised sensational suit of Josephs and Fredericks v. Rustomye will not "come off." In fact, it has collapsed.

**THE P. M. S. S. Co's steamer City of Rio** Tauris arrived in port this afternoon, and we are compelled to hold over the telegraphic news taken from our exchanges.

MESSRS. Butterfield & Swire inform us that the Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Diamond*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon, and is due on the 7th inst.

THIS report from the Observatory states that yesterday's typhoon struck the coast to the south of Foochow, and is moving westwards. The office chamois is of opinion that it will tire out before reaching here, though.

THE remarkable fact that a city of 110,000 inhabitants could have an entire day without the occurrence of a single death is furnished by the authorities at Graz, in Austria. This occurred on May 31st. Upon two other days, in 1878 and 1879, the same singular fact is noted.

**IN 1863 the quantity of beer brewed in the United States was 2,066,625 barrels, or 62,205,375 gallons; in 1878 there were 100,000 barrels, in 1888 24,680,219, or a good deal more than a barrel for every man in the Union. The excise duties paid on beer in 1887-88 amounted to nearly \$3,000,000.**

THE Macao *Independent* states that the Portuguese Government have appointed a Consul of the first class at Canton, the official selected being Sr. Demetrio Cinatti, formerly harbour-master at Macao. The Archimedeian lever adds that he will have plenty of work, for there are plenty of unfortunate Portuguese in the City of Rama.

ACCORDING to a French astronomer, the cooling of the terrestrial crust apparently goes on more rapidly under the sea than with a land surface. From this he argues that the crust must thicken under oceans at a much more rapid rate, so as to give rise to a swelling up and distortion of the thinner portions of the crust that is forming mountain chains.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play at the Murray Barracks to-morrow evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock. The following will be the programme:—

Mus. "Forward".....Doppler.  
Lancers.....Connaught.....D'Albert.  
Vale....."Southern Cross".....Moulder.  
Pols....."Toujours Gallant".....Fabrich.  
Quadrille....."Rebound".....Williams.  
Galop....."The Foxhunters".....Marion.  
"God save the Queen."

A PARAGRAPH that appeared in last night's *Telegraph* ought to have read:—"The solicitors for the defendant in the libel suit R. Fraser-Smith v. G. Murray Bain, have made an application to the Court for a further extension of fourteen days to answer the plaintiff's petition. They will get it without opposition. We mean to fight fair." The original manuscript was badly mutilated by the festive comp., and the transposition escaped the notice of our eagle-eyed proof-reader.

THE Stamp Office and Money Order Office will be closed on Monday next, being a Bank holiday.

'AN ASS' which will probably end fatally was committed in Gough Street to-day. A master-tailor was walking along when four men, who, it is believed, belong to the Tailors' Guild, attacked him with knives. He was stabbed in the foot, and his left thumb nearly cut off, and when removed to the Hospital he was one mass of blood. No arrests have been made. It is stated that he is a "foreign" tailor—made European clothes—and the other "foreign" tailors tried to make him join their guild. He had refused several times, and been warned of what would happen, and he defied them successfully until to-day.

WHAT is the matter with our morning contemporary? In its report of the meeting of the shareholders of the Steam Launch Co., Ltd, held yesterday, we are told that there were present, in addition to the Directors and Secretary—two of the former, not being shareholders, having no right to be present—"a number of Chinese gentlemen." Why didn't the reporter of the *Daily Press* state how many Chinese gentlemen were present, and give their names? The report of the meeting of a public company should at least be accurate; the report we are now referring to is grossly misleading. This sort of thing may be diplomatic, but it is not honest journalism.

IT is not generally known, says a correspondent, willing from Tangier, that besides being the lineal descendant of the prophet's daughter, Fatima, by her marriage with Mohamed's famous General, Bu Behr, the present Sultan, has some Irish blood in his veins. In the early part of the present century an Irish sergeant of sappers, who had been detached from the British garrison at Gibraltar, at the request of the Sultan, Sidi Mohammed, died in the latter's service. His widow, a pretty Galway girl, wishing to be sent home, sought an audience of his Majesty. It was granted, with the result that Sidi Mohammed, struck by her beauty, made her an offer of marriage, which she accepted. She became the Sultan's favorite wife, and on her death her son, Muley Yezid, nicknamed "the Red Beard," assumed the power, and figures in history as the most sanguinary monarch known in the annals of Morocco. His favorite pastime was to roast Jews alive in the body of a bull, or to play bowls with the heads of his attendants, freshly decapitated for the purpose. With strange inconsistency he would at other times perform acts of the most astounding generosity and kindness, thus causing his name to be cursed and blessed in turns.

A TAKOW correspondent writes:—Great improvements are promised for the South of Formosa. Mr. Matheson, the Governor's engineer, arrived at Anping, a fortnight ago, to make surveys for lines of railway between this and Taiwanfu, and from Anping to the city. A scheme is also under consideration for the dredging of this harbour, but we fear this is in the far future, as there would be so little return for the expenditure. A harbour in the South is sadly wanted, but we would venture to suggest Anping as a far more important centre, from its proximity to the city of Taiwanfu, or rather Tainanfu, as it is now called. Tainanfu absorbs, roughly, the entire import trade of South Formosa and we doubt if, even with a good harbour here, the trade could be diverted. It seems to me that the resources of the Governor would be infinitely better devoted to the construction and maintenance of high roads connecting all the principal producing districts. The existing roads, or tracks, are simply deplorable, and in wet weather become impassable. There is a considerable excitement among the natives over the projected improvements, and it is to be hoped that one or more of the schemes may be successfully accomplished. The South has, as to speak, been neglected, and His Excellency will win the gratitude of Chinese and foreigners both if he undertakes some work of a permanent nature. With good roads there is a great future for Formosa, and the many valuable resources of the island could be developed in a very short time.

FOR some time past the sentries, on duty in the vicinity of Arsenal Street have unaccountably developed alcoholic symptoms during their period of duty, which led, lately, to the issue of an order forbidding soldiers going into the Chinese shops in the locality where liquor was sold. One of these shopkeepers, finding the prohibition seriously affected his sales of three-dollars-a-dozen whisky, instituted an out-door trade so that thirsty soldiers could buy the fiery fluid without entering the shop. Inspector Swanson therefore obtained two suits of uniform from the regimental depot, and last evening sent out a couple of constables, dressed as soldiers, to lay for the illicit vendors. They met a Chinaman who was suspected, and asked him to sell them some spirits. He produced a bottle of brandy of an unknown brand, for which he charged forty cents, and was at once arrested by his "soldier" patrons. His cries brought out the neighbors, who, armed with bamboo, commenced a vigorous onslaught on the defenceless constables, bruising them considerably, and compelling them to release their prisoner and beat a hasty retreat. A summons was issued to-day against the shopkeeper.—Whilst speaking of this liquor traffic, we may again urge upon the authorities the importance of analysing the stuff which is baled out to our soldiers and sailors, both east and west of the city. The police inspectors, we understand, have frequently taken samples and forwarded them for analysis, but they never hear any more about them. It is disgraceful that the only news now vended should be allowed in any licensed house.

## THE FEMININE FESTIVAL.

To-day is the 6th day of the 7th moon, and to-night will be the Eve of the Chinese "Seventh Night," the anniversary of the meeting of the fairy "Seventh Sister" or the "Weaving Girl" (the patron of all young girls in China, who aspire to be dexterous in embroidery), and Tung-wing, a cowherd immortalized in Chinese mythology. This is the day when every household in China in which there are young wives or unmarried maidens, whether rich or poor, high or low, bring out the image of the "Seventh Sister" and deck it in dresses of seed pearls embroidered on the richest of silks, loading it with pearls and other gems and all that is costly and beautiful that can be procured from their own stores of treasures. They buy the best fruits of the season to place before the shrine of the goddess, as a token of adoration of her as their patron saint. In addition to the piles of fruit tastefully and artistically arranged on one or two or even three square tables, placed longitudinally before the shrine according to the amount of votive offerings, there are arranged whatever curious or ingenious toys they can procure, whether the handwork of a /, awl, or of an almond-eyed countryman. We are

speaking, of course, of the families blessed with the possession of a lot of lucre. When all these offerings have been arranged and placed in position that may strike the eye, the young wives and young maidens, dressed in their richest vestments, go down on their knees just as the clock strikes twelve and commences the advent of the eventful seventh day, and adore the fairy goddess. In Canton and Shanghai we have seen cases where the families being particularly wealthy, as much as three or four thousand dollars were spent on votive offerings, and in such cases, especially in Canton, where so many bad characters roam about, great is the temptation to them to reap a harvest. To prevent this the wealthy engage even as many as a dozen soldiers, armed with rifle and bayonet, to stand guard at their doors, with orders to shoot or kill anyone audacious enough to violate the laws of *seum* and *tuan*. But to make all this plain to our readers we must go a little into the tradition of the thing.

A long, long while ago, according to the legends of the land, we live in Jupiter, or Siong-tai, as the Chinese call him, to reward the virtuous life and filial piety of a lowly cowherd, named Tung-wing living in Shan-si, sent down from heaven one of the fairies named Ts'u Chiay, or "Seventh Sister" to be for a certain time his wife.

The fairy, having taken unto herself the form of a beautiful woman, presented

in certain arrangements being made for the pumping of water to the Peak level; but no date was named when this would become operative. We think it is due to us that we should be fully informed when the new service is likely to be completed, and also what is the present position of the undertaking. Further, we would specially direct attention to the present system of drawing water from existing public wells. Each household and each coolie attends with their various buckets or receptacles which are dipped into the wells and the water is thus drawn out; the condition of these buckets may be all that is to be desired but the chances and evidences are the other way. Xerosint has been impressed into service, and in some households, owing to the bad smell emitted by the water from the public wells, it has had to be discontinued. In some of the wells, formerly a proper force-pump was attached, which at all events ensured that the water in the wells was not polluted. We think this system should be at once adopted for all the public wells at the Peak, and we shall be glad to learn that the Government has given the necessary order to that effect. We are also of opinion that the wells should be deepened at once, or there is every probability that a water famine will be experienced during the winter.

We have the honor to be, Sir:

Your obedient servants,

(Here follow the signatures.)

The Hon. F. Stewart, M.A., LL.D., Colonial Secretary.

## ESSAYS ON EVERYDAY OBJECTS

## THE MOSQUITO.

The mosquito is an insect, but Pa says they are the devil. They are only little, and they have six long legs and a needle made like a telescope down their mouth. They attack people in two ways. Sometimes they alight on you very softly, and the first thing you know you have an itching blister on your arm or your neck. But that is only when they are out of business. If they feel like having exercise, and want you to take some as well, they act different. They generally choose just when you are going off to sleep for this. Maybe you're just drowsing off, and beginning to snort gently, and you hear "Pi-ki-ling" just above your face, and you waken right up and reach for a towel. Then the mosquito goes aloft and roosts in the curtains, and laughs. Pa says he knows a broker, and when the mosquitoes lights on him they get blood-poisoning. A mosquito is not a heavy insect, but when I go to slap one, I always hit as though he weighed four pounds. You must, or else he will dodge. I wish I could write all I think about mosquitoes, but I forget any more. (Fair)

## CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS.

## THE ABSENCE OF SINCERITY.

One of the ways in which the native insincerity of the Chinese is most characteristically manifested, is their demeanour towards children, who are taught to be insincere, without consciousness of the fact either on their own part, or on the part of those who teach them. Before he is old enough to talk, and when he can attach only the vaguest significance to the words which he hears, a child is told that unless he does as he is bid, some terrific object, said to be concealed in the sleeve of a grown person, will catch him. It is not uncommon for foreigners to put themselves in the place of the unknown monster, and this fact alone would be sufficient to account for all the bad words which we frequently hear applied to ourselves. Why should not children who may have been affrighted with our vague terrors when they were young, hoot us in the streets, as soon as they have grown large enough to perceive that we are not dangerous, but only ridiculous? The cater who is annoyed by the urchins in the street who yell after his foreign passenger, shouts to them that he shall capture several of them, if he is on them behind his cart, and carry them off. The boatman, under like provocation, contents himself with the observation that he shall pour scalding water upon them. The expressions, "I'll kill you," are understood by a Chinese child of some experience, to constitute an ellipsis for "Stop that!" We have heard of a little foreign miss of tender years, whose association with a Chinese nurse had wrought its natural effect, so that when the child was removed from her cradle at a time which did not command itself to her feelings, she componibly observed in Chinese, "With injurious plemom;" "I'll go you, I'll kill you, I'll rail at you, I'll beat you, I'll kill you."

It was in view of the results of such an education as this, that M. Hu, says of the pre-adolescent language of the mulberry, or the tea-plant. These little materialists appear to have somewhat withered hearts, and are by no means remarkable for candour or simplicity; they have seldom any aspirations toward generous ideals or noble sentiments, and one may see in the very look of their narrow oblique eyes, the indications of rascality, crudity and cunning. It should be added, that what M. Hu says of the precocious development of Chinese children, is by no means so applicable to those from the country, taken as class, as to those born in the city. Many of the former grow up without ever having come in contact with an idea

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clergy have access, and plainly intimated that the deed had probably been perpetrated by some fanatical member of the Irreconcilable party at the Vatican, with the object of producing a panic and thus bringing to an end the course of Father Agostino's sermons.

There is ground for believing that the insinuations of the Prime Minister were well-founded. For the only persons in whose eyes the ardent patriotism and fervid eloquence of Padre Agostino find no favor are just those members of the Irreconcilable party who seek to frustrate every move of the Pontiff toward a "modus vivendi" with the Royal Government.

## AS LIPS MEET:

### AN EXPERT'S OPINION ON THE UNALLOVED JOY OF KISSING.

Home folks say kissing's a sin.  
But I think it's none ava,  
For kissing has been in this world,  
Ever since there were two.  
If kissing was na lawfa'  
Lawyers wad na how it;  
If kissing was na holy  
Mishlers wad na do it;  
If kissing was na modest,  
Maled'ns wad na tak it;  
An' if it was na plenty  
We pair folk couldna get it.

There is an old story that kissing originated with the Romans. A law was passed, so the story runs, that the women should drink no wine, and the husbands, in order to satisfy themselves that their wives were obedient, used to make a practice of tasting their lips. This duty became so much of a pleasure that the custom was continued, and the people from other parts of the world who went to Rome of course conformed to the universal decree that they must do as the Romans did, and in every case the practice of kissing became a habit which they now only retained but transmitted to their children.

The story is all right as far as it goes, but it's a little hard to make a nineteenth century individual believe that men and women lived in this world 6,000 years before they learned what delight there is in the meeting of the lips. It would be much more reasonable to tell one that Eve's rosy lips lured our universal grandfather to disobedience by other means than spoken argument. Scientists have tried to analyze kisses; they give long dissertations upon the "contact of the terminal nerves," and all that sort of thing, but I'll guarantee that the wisest of them forgets all about terminations when he kisses the woman he loves.

I wonder that some one hasn't written a book setting forth the different styles of osculation, for although the fashion is such an old one and so universal

#### IT ADMITS OF MANY VARIATIONS.

We all remember how mother used to kiss us, when she came to tuck in the blanket and say "good-night." It is something we can't forget, and wouldn't if we could, for the memory goes with us, clings to us, and with some it is the only clean thing that does. I hold that a man or woman cannot be wholly bad who once had a good-mother's kiss. There will be one white spot on the blackest record because of the recollection.

Then there is the kiss of friendship that usually falls on cheek or brow, somewhat frosty sometimes, and as a rule quite unsatisfactory. I don't think kisses were intended for Platonic tokens. If you ask me where all the sweetness and tenderness and ecstasy of kissing culminates I will answer you, upon a maiden's lips when her lover's first caress finds there. Some one with the true artist's sense of eternal fitness ought to paint a picture of a dainty golden-haired girl in white, standing by a rose-tree in full bloom, with the June sky above her, and the air filled with bird songs and balmy zephyrs. You could not paint these, but the public imagination is pretty well educated—her girlish dimpled hands prisoned in stronger ones, her innocent eyes uplifted with all her love mirrored in them, her sweet, soft lips, full and rosy, parted a little for the caress from the mustached mouth so near.

"Breathes there man with soul so dead" that the picture would not thrill him through and through? or a woman who would not instantly remember her own sweet experience? An ancient song-maker wrote: "There is nothing half so sweet in life as love's young dream."

I say there's nothing in life, death or eternity to compare with love's first kiss, those that come afterward, such as occur in "The Quick or the Dead?" are more intense, no doubt, but the dew off the rose. When in the "closet scene" Jack's lips met Barbara's in a touch as light as rose leaves, as fine as fire, and the next moment their lips "had clung into a kiss," I venture that both were more supremely happy than when in the carriage he pressed burning kisses on her shoe.

#### IT'S A LITTLE AMUSING.

To hear about the different methods our society men have for giving the tender salute. Hamerley—so some one says who knows—is not in the least ungenerous in the matter of kisses. His manner of osculation is a lingering pressure that culminates in a resounding smack. It has been likened to all sorts of things. Some from the wild, woolly West said it was like the sound of a cow's foot lifted out of the mud, but a resident of the cultured city near us puts it: "The agitation of sound waves caused when the pedal extremities of a bovine leaves the contact of clay." But then, Livingstone is a bachelor. Practice will, no doubt, improve him.

Colonel Washburn makes kissing a fine art. He lays his lips so delicately upon those of his "lady fair," and his aristocratic gray mustache settles so lovingly over her dimples that she almost decides that she is dreaming and this is only the shadow of a kiss. Most of the Colonel's habits are dainty, but his kissing is the daintiest of all.

Nat Chater loves to linger. He believes that you should hold on to a good thing as long as you can. Not long since a somewhat romantic maiden quoted, by way of description:

"And then with one long kiss  
He drew my whole soul through his lips  
As sunlight dithked dew."

Some what overdrawn, you may think, but as a rule Mr. Chater's kissing account is overdrawn, too.

Bosley Henriquez is trying to educate himself. He evidently means to become a connoisseur in the osculatory art, for he kisses every girl who will allow him to. Like the fickle honey bee he flies from flower to flower. I would suggest a way of warning that Bosley is apt to

#### "KISS AND TELL."

The Marquis de Croisic has a kiss all his own. It is not only copyrighted, but there is a heavy royalty upon it. As it is utterly beyond description I shall have to refer all parties interested to the manufacturer and sole proprietor, but whether samples will be furnished on application I cannot state. That would probably depend on who applied.

Emile Pfiser kisses very ardently, but he has a most unruly hirsute adornment that persists in exploring the lady's eyes, and she doesn't like it. She says she's rather not be kissed at all than take the risk of being blinded. So, Emile, there is only one course open to you. Either visit your barber or cease to visit your lady.

Creighton Webb, I am told, never kisses a lady's lips, but only her finger-tips. Well, it displays a great deal of delicacy, no doubt, but

it reminds one of poor old Moses gazing over into blooming Canaan from a cold, barren mountain top.

Kissing has been for ages the keynote of poetry and art. Even the grave Theodore Tilton betrays himself in the verse:

Learning French is full of slips,  
Do as I with the lip:  
Here's the right way, you perceive!  
Aimer, aimé, c'est à vivre!

And the self-possessed Josephine Hunt once wrote a poetic love-letter, in which she says:

And were I this moment an angel postested,  
I'd bring the peace and joy that are given the blest;  
I would sing my white robes uncreasingly down;  
I would bear from my forehead its beautiful crown;

To neath once more in the haven of rest,

With your lips upon mine and my head on your breast.

Daniel Webster confessed that a woman's lips were more dangerous than the open mouth of a cannon. Spenser, the poet of ye olden time, was very modest in his requisites, for once he wrote in a lady's album :

I dare not kiss a kiss,  
I dare not beg a smile,  
Least having that or this  
I might grow prouud the while.  
No, not the utmost share  
Of my desire shall be  
Only to kiss the nire  
That lately kissed thee.

M. M., in N. Y. Press.

### CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

1st August, 1889.—At 4 p.m.

STATION	Barometer read. 24 hr. at 12 m.	Temp. read. 24 hr. at 12 m.	Humidity	Wind.	Westerly Force	Westerly Direction	Rain last 24 hours
Whampoa	29.65	75	...%	... km.	... b.	... km.	...
Nagasaki	29.88	75	...%	... km.	... b.	... km.	...
Amoy	29.45	82	55	SW	... b.	... km.	...
Hongkong	29.27	87	71	S	... b.	... km.	...
Macau	29.27	81	65	SE	... b.	... km.	...
Salakot	29.27	81	65	SE	... b.	... km.	...

2nd August, 1889.—At 10 a.m.

STATION	Barometer read. 24 hr. at 12 m.	Temp. read. 24 hr. at 12 m.	Humidity	Wind.	Westerly Force	Westerly Direction	Rain last 24 hours
Whampoa	29.74	74	65	... km.	... b.	... km.	...
Nagasaki	29.64	74	65	... km.	... b.	... km.	...
Amoy	29.72	82	65	SW	... b.	... km.	...
Salakot	29.72	82	65	SW	... b.	... km.	...
Hongkong	29.70	82	65	SW	... b.	... km.	...
Macau	29.70	79	65	SW	... b.	... km.	...
Salakot	29.70	79	65	SW	... b.	... km.	...

The typhoon entered the mainland yesterday to the south of Fookow. The centre appears to be moving westward. The weather is fine in northern China, but overcast, warm, and damp, and there are thunderstorms in the interior.

Temperature reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths. —Temperature in the shade, in degrees, Fahrenheit. —Humidity in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100%. —Dew-point, —State of the weather. A Blue sky, a detached cloud, a Drizzling rain, / Fog, & Gloomy, A Hall, Lightning, a Overcast, a Passing shower, a Squally, a Rain, a Snow, a Thunder, a Hail, a Dew with a Rain, a Label, a Wind and humidity.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1889. [889]

### Exhibitions.

#### HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

##### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Forty-sixth Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 16, Bund Buildings, Queen's Road Central, To-MORROW, the 3rd August, at THREE O'CLOCK in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

And notice is hereby further given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same Office, on the same day at 3.15 o'clock P.M. when the following special resolutions will be proposed, viz.—

- 1.—That the Company may from time to time reduce its Capital.
- 2.—That the words "Four Thousand Shares" be eliminated from Article No. 20 of the present Articles of Association, and that, in lieu thereof there be inserted the words "Eight Thousand Shares."

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st instant to 3rd August, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1889. [877]

THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY LIMITED.

##### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CALL of \$15 (FIFTEEN DOLLARS) a SHARE, due prior to the 25th February last, is now being made, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to pay to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before the 16th day of August next, the amount due from them.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1889. [889]

THE SONGKEI KO AH PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

##### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

In accordance with the Articles of Association and By-laws of the above Company, SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that a CALL of \$15 (FIFTEEN DOLLARS) a SHARE, is payable to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or before the 16th day of August next.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1889. [890]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

##### NOTICE.

In accordance with the Provisions of No. 104 of the Articles of Association the General Managers have this day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND for the Half Year ended 30th ult. of 7 per cent. on the paid up Capital.

Dividend Warrant payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be issued to Shareholders on the 2d proximo.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th instant to the 2d proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1889. [890]

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

##### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 5, Stanley Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 6th day of August 1889, at 4 o'clock P.M., when the Resolutions which were passed at the General Meeting of the Company held on the 20th day of July 1889, and which Resolutions were set out at length in the Daily Press of that date will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

By Order of the Directors,

E. W. MAITLAND,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1889. [914]

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

##### DISPOSAL OF UNALLOTTED SHARES.

NOTICE is hereby given that 114 unallotted shares of \$50 each in the above Company, numbered from 1887 to 2000, both numbers inclusive, are offered for public Tender upon the following condition:

The Company shall not be bound to accept the highest or any Tender.

The above shares will not be entitled to participate in any Dividend that may be declared on the working year ended 30th June, 1889, but subsequent to declaration of such Dividend, will rank as ordinary shares in the Company, carrying the same Dividends.

All Tenders to be accompanied by a cheque equal in amount to \$10 for each share applied for.

Tenders to be

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## Commercial.

**CLOSING QUOTATIONS.**  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—179 per cent.  
premium, buyers.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$100 per share, buyers.  
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$87 per share, buyers.  
North China Insurance—Tls. 330 per share, buyers.  
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$140 per share, buyers.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 100 per share.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$385 per share.  
China Fire Insurance Company—\$85 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$44 per cent, premium, sellers.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$25 per share, sellers.  
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$374 per share.  
Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$240 per share, nominal.  
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six percent Debentures—\$20.  
Indo-Chinese Steam Navigation Company, Limited—6 per cent, div., ex. div., sellers.  
Douglas Steamer Company—\$83 per share, sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$278 per share, sellers.  
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$111 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong Ice Company—\$124 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$86 per share.  
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$6 per share, buyers.  
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sellers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent, premium, sellers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent, premium, buyers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent, premium.  
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$150 per share, sellers.  
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share, nominal.  
Punjabi and Sunghee Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$29 per share, sales and buyers.  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$101 per share, sales.  
Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$675 per share, buyers.  
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—210 per cent, prem., sellers.  
The East London Planting Co., Limited—\$50 per share, sellers.  
The Sanwei Kayah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$50 per share, buyers.  
Cruckshank & Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, nominal.  
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.  
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—nominal.  
The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$50 per share, buyers.  
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.  
The Green Island Cement Co. (Old issue)—\$45 per share, buyers.  
The Green Island Cement Co. (New issue)—\$14 per share, buyers.  
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$139 per share, buyers.  
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ltd.—\$74 per share, sellers.  
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$30 per share, ex. div., buyers.  
The West Point Buildings Co., Ltd.—\$53 per share, buyers.  
The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share, buyers.  
The Labuk Planting Co., Ltd.—\$17 per share, buyers.  
The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$71 per share, sellers.  
The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ltd.—\$4 per share, buyers.  
The Shameen Hotel Co., Ltd.—\$8 per share, nominal.  
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$26 per share, sellers.

**EXCHANGE.**  
On LONDON—Bank, T. T. .... \$3/0  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... \$3/0  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... \$3/0  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... \$3/1  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... \$3/4  
On PARIS—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... \$3/2  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... \$3/0  
On INDIA, T. T. .... \$25  
On Demand ..... \$25  
On SHANGHAI—  
Bank, T. T. .... \$2  
Private, 40 days' sight ..... \$73

## OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

OLD MALWA, per picul ..... \$600  
(Allowance, Taels 80)  
NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest ..... \$571  
NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest ..... \$520  
NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest ..... \$577  
NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest ..... \$575  
NEW BENAKRES, (without choice) per chest ..... \$502  
NEW BENAKRES, (bottom) per chest ..... \$510  
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul ..... \$550  
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul ..... \$500  
OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul ..... \$475

**EXPORT CARGO.**  
Per *Parthia*, str., for Kobe—409 packages Lead, 1,379 bags Sugar, to cases Wine, 675 bales Cotton Seed, 125 bales Rattan, 15 bales Cow Hides, and 103 packages Sundries. For Yoko-hama—4 cases Cigars and 60 packages Merchandise. For Vancouver, B.C.—300 bags Rice, 3 chests Opium, and 121 packages Merchandise. For Victoria—100 chests Opium, 800 bags Rice, 45 packages Oil, 1 box Silk and Cotton, and 941 packages Merchandise. For Portland—100 bags Rice, 10 boxes Nut Oil, 151 bales Gunnies, and 303 packages Merchandise. For Seattle—50 bags Rice, 20 cases Oil, and 137 packages Merchandise. For New Westminster—6 chests Opium, and 23 packages Merchandise. For Tacoma—101 bales Gunnies. For Boston—56 packages Merchandise. For Chicago—117 packages Merchandise. For New York—176 packages Merchandise.

## MAILS EXPECTED.

**THE ENGLISH MAIL.**  
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ganges*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 21st ultimo at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 5th instant.

## THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Menmuir*, from Sydney, left Port Darwin for this port on the 27th ultimo, and is due here on the 5th instant.

## THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Port Fairy*, with the Canadian mails, left Vancouver for Japan and Hongkong on the afternoon of the 16th ultimo.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Abyssinia*, with the Canadian mails, left Vancouver on Friday afternoon, the 26th ultimo, for Japan and Hongkong.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The "Shire" line steamer *Flintshire*, from London, &c., left Singapore on the 28th ultimo for this port, and is due here on the 4th instant.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co.'s steamer *Orion*, from Trieste, left Singapore on the afternoon of the 29th ultimo, and may be expected here on or about the 4th instant.

The "Glen" line steamer *Glenagles*, from London, left Singapore for this port on the 31st ultimo, and is expected here on the 5th instant.

The "Ben" line steamer *Benlarig*, from London, left Singapore on the 31st ultimo, and is expected here on the 6th instant.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Diamond*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 1st instant, and is due here on the 7th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer *Nisam*, left Bombay at 8 a.m. on the 25th ultimo, and is due here on or about the 10th instant.

## Shipping.

### ARRIVALS.

YORKSHIRE, British steamer, 1,426, O. J. H. Arnold, 1st August—London, and Singapore 25th July, General—Russell & Co.  
NANCHOW, British steamer, 1,100, C. A. Coloma, 1st August—Singapore 26th July, General—Chinese.  
ONEGA, British bark, 480, Brown, 2nd August—Yokohama 4th June, Ballast—Order.  
ACHILLES, British steamer, 1,461, Charles Anderson, and August—Shanghai 27th July, and Foochow 31st, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
KONG BENG, British steamer, 876, R. Jones, 22nd July—Kwangtung 15th July, General—Yuen Fat Hong.  
HAIPHEN, British steamer, 1,122, Harris, and August—Foochow 30th July, Amoy 31st, and Swatow 1st August, General—D. La-prall & Co.  
IPHIGENIA, German steamer, 1,059, L. Voltmer, 2nd August—Kobe 27th July, General—Siehnsen Co.  
OCHEANIC, British steamer, 3,808, C. H. Kempson, R.N.R., 21st July—San Francisco 29th June, and Yokohama 17th July, Mail and General—O. & O. S. S. Co.  
PIRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,011, Watton, 29th July—Bangkok 24th July, General—Yuen Fat Hong.  
PRILFISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stepani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.  
TETARTOS, German steamer, 1,567, J. Petersen, 31st July—Singapore 25th July, General—Ad. von Hahn.  
THALES, British steamer, 830, Hunter, 1st Aug.—Taiwan 20th July, Amoy 20th, and Swatow 31st, General—D. Laprak & Co.  
TIVERTON, British steamer, 1,743, R. White, head, 15th June—put back—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
WESTMEATH, British steamer, 1,004, Stonehouse, 1st August—London 5th June, and Singapore 26th, General—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
NANCHOW, British steamer, for Amoy.  
YORKSHIRE, British steamer, for Kobe.  
Ningpo, British steamer, for Ningpo, &c.

### DEPARTURES.

August 2, *Telamon*, British steamer, for Yoko-hama, &c.  
August 2, *Cheslo*, British steamer, for Swatow.  
August 2, *Store Nordiske*, Danish steamer, for a cruise.  
August 2, *Frigga*, German steamer, for Yoko-hama, &c.  
August 2, *Haiton*, British str., for Swatow, &c.  
August 2, *Touron*, British str., for Foochow, &c.  
August 2, *Store Nordiske*, Danish steamer, for a cruise.  
August 2, *Gravilor*, British steamer, for Nagasaki, &c.  
August 2, *Velox*, German steamer, for Saigon, &c.  
August 2, *Fookang*, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.  
August 2, *Ningpo*, British str., for Ningpo, &c.

### PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

On LONDON—Bank, T. T. .... \$3/0  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... \$3/0  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... \$3/0  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... \$3/1  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... \$3/4  
On PARIS—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... \$3/2  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... \$3/0  
On INDIA, T. T. .... \$25  
On Demand ..... \$25  
On SHANGHAI—  
Bank, T. T. .... \$2  
Private, 40 days' sight ..... \$73

## OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

OLD MALWA, per picul ..... \$600  
(Allowance, Taels 80)  
NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest ..... \$571  
NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest ..... \$520  
NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest ..... \$577  
NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest ..... \$575  
NEW BENAKRES, (without choice) per chest ..... \$502  
NEW BENAKRES, (bottom) per chest ..... \$510  
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul ..... \$550  
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul ..... \$500  
OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul ..... \$475

The British steamship *Nanchow* reports that she left Singapore on the 26th ultimo. Had moderate wind and fine weather.

The British steamship *Achilles* reports that she left Shanghai on the 27th ultimo; arrived at Foochow on the 29th, left again on the 31st. Experienced variable winds with cloudy and unsettled weather.

The British steamship *Haihung* reports that she left Foochow on the 30th ultimo. Had fresh north-east to north-west winds and cloudy weather to Amoy. Left Amoy on the 31st. Had moderate southerly winds and hazy weather with swell from south-west. Left Swatow at 3 p.m. on the 1st instant. Had moderate south-west winds and fine clear weather to port. In Foochow, the steamships *Tartar* and *Haishin*. In Amoy, the steamships *Woo-sung* and *Kai-feng*. In Swatow, the steamships *Fokien* and *Taiwan*.

## Post Office.

### A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Amoy—Per *Nanchow*, to-morrow, the 3rd instant, at 9 a.m.  
For Straits and London—Per *Merionethshire*, to-morrow, the 3rd instant, at 11:30 A.M.  
For Straits and London—Per *Hongkong*, to-morrow, the 3rd instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Amoy, Yokohama, and San Francisco—Per *Oceanic*, to-morrow, the 3rd instant, at 0:30 P.M.

For Shanghai—Per *Fushun*, to-morrow, the 3rd instant, at 3:30 P.M.

For Manila—Per *Diamond*, to-morrow, the 3rd instant, at 4:30 P.M.

For Hongkong—Per *Siemens* & Co.

For Macao—Per *Siemens* & Co.

For Hongkong—Per *Siemens* & Co.